

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

APRIL 2, 2014

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Chair Craig VanDongen, DDS

Robert E. Bartro, DDS, Vice Chair Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Donald C. Williams, Secretary Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS Stephen J. Puerini, DMD

Russell Chin, DDS Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Maryellen Simas, RDH

Caroline Danish, DDS

Martin C. Nager, DMD

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Staff Members in Attendance: Others in Attendance:

Dr. Michael Fine, Director Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA

James McDonald, MD Dr. Marian Royer, RIDA

Amy Coleman, JD Margaret Hogan Sweeney, Esquire

Linda Phillips Steven Fazzini, Academy of

Linda Esposito General Dentistry

Establishment of Quorum:

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Dr. Joseph Samartano and seconded by Dr. Robert Bartro to accept the OPEN Minutes of March 5, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Administrative Issues:

Announcements:

Dr. Cappuccino presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Joseph Samartano as acknowledgement of his 30 years of service.

Question was raised whether the Board would go forward with the meeting currently scheduled for July 2, 2014, as many Board members will be unavailable that week. It was decided to discuss the

issue again at the June 4, 2014 meeting.

Dr. Michael Fine updated the Board regarding the search to fill the Dental Board Administrator position.

Communications:

Inquiry regarding becoming a CE Provider:

The Board refers this inquiry to the RIDA, as the Dental Board Rules and Regulations defer to the RIDA's established continuing education requirements and accepted providers.

Issued Licenses:

The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Ms. Kerri Friel and seconded by Ms. Maryellen Simas to approve the list of licensees. Motion carried.

Old Business:

“Letter of Concern” Discussion – Dr. Robert Bartro:

Dr. Robert Bartro raised concerns about the content of a “Letter of Concern” issued by the Department to licensees and it's possible consequences to them when applying to other states for licensure.

Staff will provide copies of the “Letter of Concern” as well as license “Verification” to Board members at the next Board meeting.

Continuing Education for Infection Control

Dr. Martin Nager provided information that the Continuing Education subcommittee has submitted a quasi-final recommendation to update the Rules and Regulations concerning CE requirements for OSHA and Blood Borne Pathogen. Dr. Nager stated that updates are based on recommendations by Dr. Howard Pactovis, a nationally known expert on OSHA and Blood Borne Pathogen issues in the Dental field and that the recommendations are in agreement with Federal guidelines.

New Business:

Dental Labs (Licensing of Facilities and Individuals):

Discussion took place regarding the need for regulation of Dental Lab facilities and personnel. Attorney Amy Coleman advised that there are currently six states with regulation requirements and she will research those regulations and provide further information to the Board at a future date.

Ownership of Dental Practices:

Discussion took place about the requirements for ownership of Dental Practices. Attorney Amy Coleman to speak with Facilities Regulation and provide more information to the Board at a future date.

Discussion of Legislation:

It was requested that the discussion of Legislation for House Bill H7370, due to be presented at the State House later this afternoon (April 2, 2014), be added to the agenda. A Motion was made by Mr. Donald Williams and seconded by Ms. Kerri Friel to add this issue to the agenda. Motion carried.

After review and discussion, a Motion was made by Mr. Donald Williams and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to request that the Department provide a representative to attend the hearing at the State House hearing to oppose the section of proposed House Bill H7370 which would require the publication of names of individual Board members who may participate as part of an investigative committee. Motion carried.

Public Comment (Topic Specific to Today's Meeting):

Marian Royer, RIDA, thanked the Board for the service they provide and for addressing the topics such as the "Letter of Concern" at this meeting.

Adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session:

Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN meeting.

Return to OPEN Session:

Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Caroline Danish to seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session pursuant to Section 42-46(1) and (2) of the RI General Laws. Motion carried.

Final Actions:

There were no final actions at this meeting.

Adjourn:

The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the RI Department of Health,

Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. Motion was made by Dr. Russell Chin and seconded by Dr. Martin Nager to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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